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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION

FOR AF/S

1. I TALKED WITH ROSA COUTINHO'S CHIEF OF CABINET (AKVARO FRANCO) AUG 12 TO ASSURE HIM DEPARTURE DEPENDENTS AMCIT EMPLOYEES OF US COMPANIES HERE NOT RPT NOT RESULT MY ADVICE OR ANY URGING FROM WASHINGTON. FRANCO SAID HE WOULD PASS INFORMATION ON TO THE ADMIRAL. HE APPEARED UNCONCERNED WITH ACTIONS BY US COMPANIES, WAS NONCOMMITAL ON SECURITY SITUATION, SAYING ONLY THEY ATTEMPTING BRING PROBLEM UNDER CONTROL. I DECLINED OPPORTUNITY SEE THE ADMIRAL ON GROUNDS IMMINENT ARRIVAL KILLORAN. (HIS ARRIVAL WILL FURNISH SUBSTANTIVE EXCUSE SEE ADMIRAL INDEPENDENT OF REST OF CONSULAR CORPS. MASS VISITS BY CORPS IN PAST HAVE PROVED WORTHLESS.)

2. DEAN CONSULAR CORPS, SO AFRICAN CG, SAW THE ADMIRAL AUG 11 TO PRESENT MEMO RE CORPS' SECURITY AND SPECIFIC COOPERATION REQUESTED IF EVACUATION FOREIGN NATIONALS REQUIRED. SO. AFRICAN TOLD ME COUTINHO SAID PORTUGUESE WOULD HAVE ALL UNDER CONTROL SHORTLY, THAT SECOND 200 "TROUBLEMAKERS" CONFIDENTIAL

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BEING READY FOR TRIP TO RECENTLY REOPENED DETENTION CAMP

AT SAO NICOLAU. (FIRST GROUP OF 200 SHIPPED SOUTH TO
SAO NICOLAU FEW DAYS AGO ABOARD NAVY FRIGATE.)

3. PALACE GUARDED INSIDE AND OUT BY DOZEN OR SO "FUZILEIROS"
(PORTUGUESE NAVY MARINES) FROM TWO COMPANIES RECENTLY BROUGHT IN
FROM EAST. BALANCE OF TWO COMPANIES BEING HELD ON ALERT STATUS
AT PORTUGUESE NAVAL BASE. PRESENCE NAVY TROOPS AROUND PALACE
GIVING RISE RUMORS (PROBABLY FALSE) TO EFFECT ADMIRAL LACKS
CONFIDENCE IN LOYALTY OF ARMY.
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